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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the listed item is enclosed.

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The listed items were cited in an Office Action (English translation enclosed) drafted May 11, 2007 by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application, with an English abstract of the Japanese citation also enclosed, thus satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of the non-English reference under M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a) III.

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- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.
- This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application.
- To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).
- Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii).
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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